

**Jesus is Son of God and Son of Man:
Why Was Jesus Baptized?**

Luke 3:21,22; also Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; John 1:19-34

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened,²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

Matthew 3:15, ¹⁵ But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he *permitted Him.

Introduction- Why did Jesus need to be baptized by John the Baptist? Wasn't the baptism of John the Baptist a baptism for repentance from sin?

I. The Circumstances Surrounding the Baptism of Jesus Luke 3:21,22

A. The Prayer of Jesus

B. Heaven was opened

C. The Spirit descended like a dove

D. The Voice from Heaven

II. The Meaning of the Baptism of Jesus

A. The baptism had meaning to Jesus

1. The Father gave witness to Jesus being His "Beloved Son"
2. The baptism officially identified Jesus as the predicted Messiah

B. The meaning of the baptism of Jesus for born again believers

1. The participation and presence of the three persons of the Trinity
2. Jesus is our example of godly living and pursuit of righteousness

III. The Reason that Jesus was Baptized: To Fulfill All Righteousness Mt. 3:15

A. The affirmation of John the Baptist as the forerunner of the Messiah

B. The demonstration of Jesus' obedience to the plan of the Father

C. The manifestation of Jesus as the One sent to deliver Israel

D. The illustration and prophecy of Jesus' death and resurrection